

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, terrorists ruthlessly attacked the United States, leading to the tragic death of thousands of innocent United States citizens and other citizens from more than 90 different countries and territories; and
- WHEREAS, In response to the attacks, firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, physicians, nurses, military personnel, and other first responders immediately rose to service, in a heroic attempt to protect the lives of those still at risk, consequently saving thousands of men and women; and
- WHEREAS, In the days, weeks, and months following the attacks, thousands of people in the United States and other nations spontaneously volunteered to help support the rescue and recovery efforts; and
- WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of brave men and women serve every day as members of our nation's armed forces; and
- WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of people in the United States as well as others in 170 different countries already observe the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks each year by engaging in service and other charitable acts; and
- WHEREAS, On March 31, 2009, Congress passed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which included for the first time the authorization and Federal recognition of September 11 as a "National Day of Service and Remembrance," a bill signed into law on April 21, 2009, by President Barack Obama; and Congresswoman Matsui introduced a house resolution declaring September 11, 2009 a "National Day of Service and Remembrance"; and
- WHEREAS, Under the banner of *United We Serve*, the Corporation for National and Community Service, in conjunction with thousands of national and local service agencies and non-traditional partners, has created the website *Serve.gov* to make it easier to find volunteer opportunities on September 11 and throughout the year and to promote impact-oriented service; and
- WHEREAS, September 11, 2009 will mark the culmination of the summer phase of *United We Serve*, President Obama's nationwide initiative to create a sustained, collaborative, and focused effort to meet community needs and make service a way of life for all Americans, and also will mark an opportunity for Americans to recommit to service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2009, as

DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

in Kentucky, and urge citizens to commit to community service on this day and an ongoing basis.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 9th day of September, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine and in the 218th year of the Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

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